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REGIONAL OFFICE WEEKLY REPORT

WEATHER CONDITIONS WERE GENERALLY FAVORABLE IN ALL AREAS OF PRODUCTION EXCEPT ARIZONA, WHERE SCATTERED RAINS AGAIN RETARDED FARM OPERATIONS TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT. INDICATIONS ARE PREVALENT THAT THE COMING COTTON CROP WILL PROBABLY BE FROM TWO TO FOUR WEEKS LATER THAN DURING THE SEASON JUST CLOSED. REPORTS ALSO REFLECT A CONTINUED DOWNWARD TREND IN SXP ACREAGE FOR THE COMING YEAR, AND IF RECENT ESTIMATES ARE AUTHENTIC, PRODUCTION WILL PROBABLY BE VERY SMALL COMPARED TO PRECEDING SEASONS.

THE PREPARATION OF INDIVIDUAL GIN AND GROUP REPORTS FOR THE TWO REMAINING COUNTIES IN CALIFORNIA IS NOW UNDER WAY. WHEN THESE HAVE BEEN TYPED, THIS PHASE OF OUR WORK WILL BE COMPLETE. THE PREPARATION OF MASTER SHEETS IS NEARING COMPLETION AND THESE REPORTS SHOULD BE READY FOR MAILING TO WASHINGTON THE END OF THIS WEEK.

MR. GOHMERT IS LEAVING ON A FIELD TRIP THE END OF THIS WEEK, AND WILL MEET MR. BETTS IN PHOENIX FOR A DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS SUBJECTS WITH THE OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF CLASSING OFFICES.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR MABEN CALLED A MEETING LAST WEEK UPON HIS RETURN FROM A WASHINGTON CONFERENCE, AND GAVE US A LITTLE INFORMATION ON SOME OF THE NEW FEATURES OF REORGANIZATION. WE WILL BE GLAD WHEN THE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE IN ORDER THAT ALL NECESSARY PLANS CAN BE ARRANGED FOR NEXT SEASON'S WORK.

QUOTATIONS FROM FIELD OFFICE WEEKLY REPORTS

BAKERSFIELD - WEATHER CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN EXCELLENT THIS WEEK FOR ALL TYPES OF FARMING OPERATIONS, HOWEVER, TEMPERATURES SLIGHTLY BELOW NORMAL ACCOMPANIED BY FAIRLY STRONG WINDS FOR SEVERAL DAYS HAVE SOMEWHAT RETARDED THE GROWING PROGRESS OF THE COTTON PLANT GENERALLY. ALTHOUGH WE ARE INFORMED OF VERY GOOD STANDS FROM SEVERAL SECTIONS, CONSIDERABLE REPLANTING HAS BEEN NECESSARY THROUGHOUT THE VALLEY. CHOPPING IS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY, AND REPORTS INDICATE THERE IS SUFFICIENT LABOR TO MEET ALL CURRENT NEEDS. NO CLASSIFICATION OF ANY KIND WAS PERFORMED DURING THE WEEK. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS THIS IS THE FIRST WEEK SINCE THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 21, 1942 THAT WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO REPORT SOME TYPE OF CLASSING SERVICE. ALL LETTERS HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO ALL COUNTY AGENTS CONCERNING THE RENEWAL OF GROUP APPLICATIONS, EXCEPTING ONE COUNTY AGENT WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED THE NECESSARY PAPERS. WE WERE VERY PLEASED IN HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OUR REGIONAL DIRECTOR, MR. BUELL F. MABEN, WHO PAID US A VISIT THIS WEEK. THE BASIS EASED SLIGHTLY DURING THE WEEK. VERY LIMITED DEMAND PREVAILS AT PRESENT. INQUIRIES RECEIVED ARE FROM SOUTHEASTERN MILLS AND ARE FOR PROMPT SHIPMENT. A VERY LIMITED NUMBER OF EQUITIES ARE BEING BOUGHT.....SMITH.

EL PASO - WE HAVE HAD A WEEK OF VERY FAVORABLE WEATHER, AND COTTON HAS MADE GOOD PROGRESS. MOST OF THE COTTON HAS NOW TAKEN ON NEW LIFE AND SEED THAT HAD BEEN LYING DORMANT IN THE GROUND IS NOW GERMINATING AND COMING UP TO FAIR STANDS. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, THERE HAD BEEN A GENERAL FEAR THAT MUCH OF OUR COTTON WOULD HAVE TO BE PLANTED OVER, BUT AT PRESENT WRITING AN ESTIMATE OF 15 OR 20% WILL COVER THE ACREAGE THAT WILL HAVE TO BE REPLANTED. EVEN WITH THIS AMOUNT OF REPLANTING, GOOD SEED IS SCARCE AND SOME CALIFORNIA SEED HAS BEEN SHIPPED IN. WE HAVE HAD REPORTS OF SOME PRODUCERS WHERE THEY HAD TO REPLANT, SWITCHING FROM SXP TO UPLAND AS THEY THOUGHT IT RATHER LATE IN THE SEASON TO REPLANT SXP. PROSPECTS FOR ANY LARGE VOLUME OF SXP IN THE EL PASO AREA SEEM TO GET DIMMER. OFFICE ACTIVITY HAS BEEN CONFINED TO REGULAR ROUTINE, MOSTLY IN REGARD TO ORGANIZED GROUP WORK FOR THE COMING SEASON. WE RECEIVED OUR FIRST APPLICATION THIS WEEK, WHICH HAS BEEN FORWARDED FOR APPROVAL. WE WERE GLAD TO HAVE AS VISITORS THIS WEEK MR. OVERPECK, FROM THE NEW MEXICO STATE COLLEGE AT LAS CRUCES, AND CAPTAIN STROMAN, U.S. ARMY, FORMERLY ASSOCIATE AGRONOMIST, STATE COLLEGE, LAS CRUCES. MR. BUTTERWORTH IS STILL ON ANNUAL LEAVE ON ACCOUNT OF SICKNESS IN HIS FAMILY. THE BASIS IS UNCHANGED, WITH VERY LITTLE ACTIVITY IN THIS MARKET, NO EQUITIES SELLING.....NISBETT.

PHOENIX - RAIN MEASURING UP TO ONE AND ONE-HALF INCHES FELL OVER MOST OF THE STATE THE MIDDLE OF THE WEEK. THIS BRINGS THE PRECIPITATION IN THE SALT RIVER VALLEY UP TO APPROXIMATELY FIVE INCHES, WHICH IS ABOUT DOUBLE THE NORMAL RAINFALL. THE RAIN FURTHER DELAYED COTTON PLANTING, AND IN ALL PROBABILITY CONSIDERABLE REPLANTING WILL BE NECESSARY. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THIS YEAR'S CROP WILL BE FULLY THREE WEEKS LATER THAN LAST YEAR'S, WHILE WE DO NOT HAVE ANY DEFINITE



FIGURES AS YET ON THE SHORT STAPLE ACREAGE, IT APPEARS THAT THE SXP ACREAGE THIS YEAR WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 8,500 ACRES. THIS COMPARES WITH 95,000 ACRES PLANTED LAST YEAR. CLASSING OF THE CCC SXP IS COMPLETED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A FEW SMALL ODDS AND ENDS, WHICH WE EXPECT TO FINISH AND HAVE THE SAMPLES READY TO SHOW TO THE TRADE ON THE SIXTEENTH. COMPLETED INDIVIDUAL GIN-AND GROUP REPORTS WERE RECEIVED THIS WEEK FROM SAN FRANCISCO, AND HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE GINS, COUNTY AGENTS, COOPERATING STATE AGENCY AND GROUP PRESIDENTS. ONE REQUEST FOR APPLICATION FORMS FOR NEXT SEASON'S CLASSIFICATION AND MARKET NEWS SERVICE WAS RECEIVED THIS WEEK. THE COTTON MARKET CONTINUES TO BE VERY QUIET.....CRITTENDON.

LOS ANGELES - VERY CLOUDY BUT WITHOUT RAIN THE EARLY PART OF THE WEEK, FOLLOWED BY BRIGHT SUNSHINE THURSDAY AND FRIDAY. TEMPERATURES RANGED FROM 50 TO 73 DEGREES. NO COMPLETED PRODUCTION THIS WEEK, DUE TO LACK OF ORDERS FOR IMMEDIATE SHIPMENT. BETWEEN 25,000 AND 30,000 POUNDS OF COTTON, FLAMEPROOFED AND BALED DURING WEEK. NO TESTS MADE AS GARNETS NOT RUNNING ON COTTON INSULATION. SHIPMENTS MADE SINCE LAST WEEKLY REPORT TOTALLED 11,593 NET POUNDS OF COTTON, MAKING A TOTAL OF 101,354 NET POUNDS SHIPPED TO DATE ON THIS ALLOTMENT.....DORR.

# COTTON CLASSED, WESTERN REGION, THROUGH MAY 12, 1944.

	WEEK	TOTAL	CROP	O.G.	FORM A	LOAN	FUTURES	OTHERS	TOTAL
BAKERSFIELD	NONE			327,108	3154			958	331,220
EL PASO	NONE			175,327	760			4065	180,152
PHOENIX	1500			122,946	192	292		5000	128,430
TOTAL	1500			625,381	4106	292		10023	639,802

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